



# County of San Diego

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## CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, September 8, 2011

### Members

Baker, Mark – Lakeside Community Planning Group  
Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District  
Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce  
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Community Planning Group  
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District  
Jackman, Larry – San Miguel Fire Protection District  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

### Agency Representatives

Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Chief  
Leigh, Bob – Santee Fire Chief

### Members Absent

Fox, Ken – Santee School District Board  
Randazzo, Mike – Lakeside Chamber of Commerce  
Savage, Warren – Citizen Representative

### County Staff

Cavanaugh, Adria  
Metz, R.N., Marcy – EMS Chief  
Pate, R.N., Rebecca  
Yaghmaee, Saman

### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Voepel, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Pat Chambers, seconded by Kevin Howe to approve the minutes from February 10, 2011 and May 12, 2011. Motion carried.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions.

### **IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)**

Saman Yaghmaee reviewed the CSA-69 budget and proposed budget for FY 2010/11 and 2011/12.

##### Cash Reserve and Cash Flow

The \$35,301 negative cash flow in FY 2009/10 has resolved due to the increase in the ambulance transportation fee that took effect in July 2009. Operational costs have increased at an average rate of 6.9 percent over the past seven fiscal years, ranging from 4.7 percent to 8.2 percent.

The growth of the reserve fund is projected to decline due to the increase in cost of operations and full implementation of the fee increase.

##### Revenue, Write Down and Receipt

Total net revenue is \$3,680,196 with a net receipt of \$3,129,745. The remaining revenue of \$550,000 is pending collections partly due to lack of patient insurance information, patients paying in installments and reimbursement due to patient over or under charge. As of September 8, 2011, the collection rate was 85 percent.

Approximately 58 percent of the total revenue is considered “write downs” by either insurance carriers or residents that do not pay their co-pay. Public payers such as Medicare and Medi-cal represent 37 percent of the total write down, 1.5 percent write off was from other private insurance payers.

##### Revenue and Expenditure

Revenues were lower by approximately \$300,000 from \$6,164,575 in FY 09/10 compared to \$5,858,358 in FY 2010/11 due to unrealized revenue.

Expenditures were higher by approximately \$200,000 from \$5,179,030 in FY 2009/10 to \$5,371,185 in FY 2010/11 due to the increase in operational costs.

Revenue from property taxes and benefit fees remain stable despite the economic down turn and decline in property values.

##### Transportation by Resident, Non-Residents and Destination

For every five transports, there are four resident transports and one non-resident transport. Approximately 21 patients were transported daily. Over 50 percent of the transports were made to Sharp Grossmont Hospital; 15.98 percent were to Kaiser.

##### Net Receipt by Type of Payer

Commercial accounts represent about 20 percent of the total transports, however it generates over 50 percent of the revenue. It is anticipated that the commercial payer will decrease due to changing demographics and changes in the public payer system.

## **B. Administrative Report**

### Offload Delays

Presenting data on offload delays electronically has been discussed. Agencies report offload delays to their dispatch agency within 20 minutes and to the County within 30 minutes.

In October, the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee is having their sixth annual overcrowding summit. At the summit hospitals will share their best practices for offload delays.

### Grants

San Diego County was one of five counties awarded a National U.S. Postal Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. The grant provides funding for planning and an exercise to incorporate U.S. Postal Services employee volunteers into community plans to deliver medication to selected areas in the event of an anthrax bioterrorism attack.

### Statewide Exercise

On November 17, 2011 there will be a Statewide Medical and Health Exercise with the scenario focusing on a disruption in the public water system. There will be a Tabletop exercise on September 14, 2011.

## **C. Medical Director's Report**

The flu vaccine is out and available. It is the same vaccine that was given the previous year. It is recommended to receive the vaccine even if you had received it last year.

## **D. Agency Reports**

The Lakeside Fire Department Administrative office is moving to a new facility in December. The CSA-69 Advisory Committee will be meeting at the current place in November, but will meet at the new facility for the February quarterly meeting.

The Santee Division Fire Chief overseeing EMS is retiring.

There was an inquiry whether an additional ambulance should be added to help with the call volume. Chief Parr responded that the percentages of missed calls do not support adding an additional ambulance.

## **V. CITY OF EL CAJON CONTRACT**

Due to a lack of quorum at the last CSA-69 Advisory Committee meeting the discussion regarding the City of El Cajon contract was postponed and moved for discussion to today's meeting. The City of El Cajon contract will terminate in June of 2012.

County EMS and the City of El Cajon are discussing issues regarding bill collection of CSA-69 residents transported by El Cajon fire. The City of El Cajon would like to continue to bill CSA-69 residents as they do with their own residents.

Discussion ensued on the amount of collections the City of El Cajon is receiving from CSA-69 residents, the mutual aid agreement and the agreements with other non CSA ambulance agencies in the area. The committee requested that the agencies and the County collect and report data on the number of runs by the City of El Cajon and CSA-69, the percentage of revenue collected and how much CSA-69 has subsidized payment for resident transports by the City of El Cajon. That data will be presented at the November meeting.

## **VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA 92040.

Submitted by

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